

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on January 18, 2005 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Tom Facey (D)

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 56, 1/12/2005; HB 109,
1/12/2005; HB 119, 1/12/2005
Executive Action: HB 174; HB 225; HB 56; HB 119;
HB 109; HB 129

HEARING ON HB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:13 **REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64**, opened the hearing on
HB 109, Transfer capitol complex maintenance to
department of administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:59 Marvin Eicholtz, Department of Administration
00:06:17 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih13a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:07:02

Informational Testimony: None.

00:07:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:16 **REP. KOOPMAN**
00:08:56 **REP. BROWN**
00:10:16 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**
00:11:02 **REP. CLARK**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:02 **REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64**, closed hearing on HB
109.

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:22 **REP. BILL WARDEN (R), HD 63**, opened the hearing on
HB 56, Make fishing access enhancement program
permanent.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:26 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

EXHIBIT(fih13a02)

00:16:32 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
of Montana

00:17:24 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters & Guides
Association

00:17:54 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:18:35 Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:19:07 Mike Volesky, Policy Director, Montana Governor's
Office

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:26 REP. EVERETT
00:22:54 CHAIRMAN GOLIE
00:27:36 REP. GROESBECK

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:12 REP. BILL WARDEN (R), HD 63 closed hearing on HB
56.

00:31:59 CHAIRMAN GOLIE passed Chairmanship to VICE CHAIR
CLARK

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:19 REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20, opened the hearing
on HB 119, Make permanent county recreational
boating safety grants, boating advisory council.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:55 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih13a03)

00:36:15 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officer's
Association, Helena

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:24 REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20, closed hearing on HB
119.

00:40:19 Break
00:52:54 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 174

00:53:36 **Motion:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 174 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:53:53 REP. NOONAN
00:54:47 CHRIS HUNTER, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
00:56:08 CHAIRMAN GOLIE
00:56:22 REP. WARDEN
00:56:50 REP. COHENOUR
00:58:23 CHRIS SMITH, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
00:59:48 REP. MILBURN

01:00:30 **Motion/Vote:** REP. SALES moved that HB 174 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-4 by roll call vote with BROWN, KOOPMAN, MILBURN, and WARDEN voting no. REP. FACEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129

01:02:41 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 129 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:03:01 REP. BROWN
01:03:31 REP. WARDEN
01:03:48 REP. JENT
01:04:19 REP. MILBURN

01:04:54 **Motion/Vote:** REP. SALES moved that HB 129 BE TABLED. Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with GROESBECK voting no. REP. FACEY voted aye by proxy.

01:07:03 WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE, REP. GROESBECK REQUESTED THAT HIS "NO" VOTE BE CHANGED TO AN "AYE" VOTE.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

01:07:29 **Motion:** REP. HAMILTON moved that HB 225 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:07:44 REP. CLARK

[EXHIBIT](#) (fih13a04)

01:08:43 **Motion:** REP. CLARK moved that HB 225 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:12:13 REP. WARD
01:12:35 REP. WARDEN
01:13:22 REP. SALES
01:13:36 REP. BALYEAT

01:13:49 Vote: Motion carried unanimously. REP. FACEY
voted aye by proxy.

01:14:08 Motion/Vote: REP. CLARK moved that HB 225 DO PASS
AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. REP. FACEY
voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 56

01:16:01 Motion: REP. BROWN moved that HB 56 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:16:12 REP. CLARK
01:16:28 REP. KOOPMAN
01:17:03 Chris Smith, chief of Staff of Fish, Wildlife &
Parks
01:17:26 REP. KOOPMAN
01:18:01 REP. EVERETT
01:18:56 REP. WARDEN

01:19:27 Vote: Motion carried unanimously. REP. FACEY
voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

01:20:01 Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that HB 119 DO
PASS. Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with BROWN
voting no. REP. FACEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 109

01:20:51 Motion/Vote: REP. JENT moved that HB 109 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously. REP. FACEY voted aye
by proxy.

01:23:45 REP. JENT moved that HB 109 be placed on Consent
Calendar. Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote. REP. FACEY voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:24:44

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

GG/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih13aad0.PDF](#))